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SUBJECT: ANOTHER MAJOR DUTCH COMMERCIAL GAS FIELD

1. A MAJOR COMMERCIAL GAS FIELD HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN DUTCH TERRITORIAL WATERS OFF AMELAND ISLAND, ON NETHERLANDS' NORTHERN COAST. SPOKESMAN FOR SHELL-ESSO EXPLORATION PARTNERSHIP, NEDERLANDSE AARDOLIE MAATSCHAPPOJ, TOLD US THAT RESERVES COULD CONTAIN UP TO 50 BILLION CUBIC METERS OF GAS.

2. SIGNIFICANCE OF DISCOVERY HAS BEEN INFLATED BY RUMORS THAT IT IS OF SAME MAGNITUDE AS ONE AT NEARBY SLOCHTEREN, WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCING FIELD. ONE PARLIAMENTARIAN WHO MADE THIS CLAIM SAID THAT HE HAD A RELIABLE SOURCE WHOM HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY FOR US.

3. COMMENT: HOPE OF FINDING ANOTHER SLOCHTEREN IS UNCLASSIFIED

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ABOUT AS REALISTIC AS EXPECTING TO REPEAT FIRST

PRIZE IN IRISH SWEEPS. THERE IS A TENDENCY
HERE, HOWEVER, TO BE DISAPPOINTED WITH ANY FIELD
THAT CONTAINS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS THAN SLOCHTEREN'S
ORIGINAL 2,100 BILLION CUBIC METERS OF GAS. SUCH
INFLATED EXPECTATIONS BLIND PEOPLE TO THE IMPORTANCE
OF NON-SLOCHTEREN RESERVES, WHICH EVEN WITHOUT THE INCLUSION
OF AMELAND, NOW ACCOUNT FOR 22 PERCENT OF NETHERLANDS
TOTAL RESERVES.
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